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The Hybrid Fruit Crop in Galilee

Another episode of Israeli resilience and ingenuity

“In the fifth year you may eat the fruit [of the trees], this is so that their yield may increase for you; I am the LORD your God” Leviticus 19:25 (AMP).



A recent topic of focus in Israel (courtesy of the French Press Agency) has been the innovative way fruit growers in the Hula Valley have planted, grown, cultivated, and provided fruit for consumption in the nation. The various blends of fruit from watermelon plums to apricots of various shades from red to black have grown over a number of years, mostly for export, but with COVID's effect on international supply lines, there is now more of a focus on stimulating and satisfying domestic demand for this produce. Members of the Ben Dor family have cultivated these lands since the end of the 19th century and have learned to adapt to changes in the land, in domestic and international commerce, in government regulation of the industry and their ability to adapt has also been reflected in the many types of hybrid fruit blends that they have developed over the decades, full of new flavor sensations and that they discovered to be more resilient during any climatic challenges presented in the north of Israel over that time period. These new blends have also proved to allow the nursery to utilize far fewer pesticides during the pre-harvesting period with a broad cross-section of these mouth-watering fruits!

“Drinks were served in various kinds of golden goblets, and the royal wine was plentiful, in accordance with the generosity of the king” Esther 1:7 (AMP).

There is an obvious conclusion that can be drawn from observing another case of Israeli innovation. These agricultural players may be tracking supernaturally based on the favor and wisdom of a God who is particular about His covenant with His people and land. Beyond this, there may also be a lesson for Jews and Christians alike concerning the ability of a hybrid organic entity to endure through environmental hardship and not require as many external protective measures to maintain viability. The lesson for Israel is that her diverse populations from Ashkenazi to the Sephardic to the Ethiopian to the B'Nei Menashe of Indian descent to the Aramean, Druze and Yemeni communities and many others lend to its ultimate strength and character during the era of the modern state. The lesson to believers in the earth may be that no one denomination or stream of understanding of Christian existence will suffice on its own as an expression of God's will for those He will share His promises with. May we all strive to maintain a sweet taste to the Creator as we contend with things that threaten our ability to endure, whether as a nation or as a remnant.



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